

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (amended) A slot machine comprising:

means for receiving a wager;

a plurality of rotatable reels, each of said reels comprising a plurality of indicia, wherein said rotatable reels are caused to rotate after a wager has been placed and subsequently stop thereby displaying a plurality of said indicia;

means for generating [a plurality of] at least one signal[s] corresponding to [a plurality of] at least one of said reel displays of said indicia;

[means for providing a winning payout, said payout providing means responsive to said signal generating means; and]

a mechanical, movable bonus payout indicator comprising a wheel for visually indicating one of a plurality of randomly selected bonus payouts to a player, said bonus payout indicator operatively connected to said signal generating means such that said bonus payout [mechanism] indicator will only operate if said signal generating means has generated a signal corresponding to [one of] a preselected [plurality of] bonus reel display[s]; and

means for providing a winning payout, said payout providing means responsive to said signal generating means.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

In Claim 3, line 3, please delete the word "payment" and insert, in place thereof, the word, -- payout --.

Please delete Claims 6 and 7 without prejudice.

In Claim 8, line 2, please delete the word "mechanism" and insert, in place thereof, the word -- indicator --.

In Claim 13, line 2, please delete the work "payment" and insert, in place thereof, the word -- payout --.

Please add the following new Claims 23 to 32:

19 23. A gaming device comprising:
a first gaming unit comprising means for randomly selecting and displaying a ^{first} ~~primary~~ indicia set comprising a plurality of indicia from a plurality of possible indicia sets;
a second display comprising means for, displaying at least one additional indicia ^{randomly selecting and} ~~first~~ from a plurality of possible indicia ^{when} ~~if~~ said ~~primary~~ ^{first} indicia set is one of a preselected plurality of ^{winning} ~~indicia~~ ¹ sets, said additional indicia displaying means comprising indicia of a wheel element and an indicator, and wherein said indicia of a wheel element and said indicator are relatively movable.

²⁰ ~~24~~. A gaming device according to Claim ¹⁹ ~~23~~ further comprising means for gradually reducing the rate of relative movement of said wheel element and said indicator.

²¹ ~~25~~. A gaming device according to Claim ¹⁹ ~~23~~ wherein said indicia of a movable wheel element comprises a mechanical wheel.

²² ~~26~~. A gaming device according to Claim ¹⁹ ~~23~~ wherein said additional indicia displaying means displays a plurality of possible bonus payouts.

²³ ~~27~~. A gaming device according to claim ²² ~~26~~ wherein said additional indicia displaying means guarantees a player an additional payout.

²⁴ ~~28~~. A gaming device according to Claim ²² ~~26~~ wherein said additional indicia displaying means provides a player with an opportunity for one of a plurality of additional payouts which is determined randomly.

29. A method of conducting a game of chance comprising the steps of:
providing a player with an opportunity to place a wager;

displaying a randomly selected primary display to a player, said primary display comprising at least one indicia set from a plurality of possible indicia sets;

displaying a secondary indicia if said primary display is one of a preselected plurality of indicia, wherein said secondary indicia comprises indicia comprising relative movement of a wheel and an indicator.

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30. A method of conducting a game of chance according to Claim 29 wherein said step of displaying said secondary indicia comprises the step of rotating a mechanical wheel.

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31. A method of conducting a game of chance according to Claim 29 wherein said secondary indicia comprises a plurality of possible bonus payouts.

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32. A slot machine according to Claim 1 wherein said signal generating means generates a plurality of signals corresponding to a plurality of reel displays.

REMARKS:

By the present Amendment, Applicant has amended Claim 1 in the manner agreed to during the interview on September 9,